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MEMORANDUM FOR

July 29, 1987

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SUBJECT: National Space Policy Review (U)

In the five years since the signing of NSDD-42, the U.S. space program has undergone a number of significant changes. The President has committed the U.S. to a major Space Station initiative in cooperation with our allies; the Challenger accident and ELV failures have reminded us of the risks and costs associated with reliable access to space; a new commercial launch vehicle industry is emerging, fostered by policy changes; ambitious long-range goals have been advocated by the National Commission on Space; the Strategic Defense Initiative may occasion major changes in the U.S. space infrastructure; and various technological opportunities have been identified to extend U.S. space leadership well into the 21st century. (U)

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Against this backdrop, the space capabilities of other nations continue to expand prompting closer examination of the meaning of "space leadership" in a changing international environment. Further, the dependence of U.S. national security on space assets continues to grow and is increasingly challenged by the Soviet space program. All these factors suggest that reexamination of national space policy be undertaken and, if necessary, appropriate modifications be developed for Presidential approval. (C)

Accordingly, under the auspices of NSDD-42, SIG(Space) will serve as the forum for reviewing and advising on the adequacy of existing national space policy and any necessary changes. Roger G. DeKok will chair the Interagency Group (Space) and form appropriate working groups to coordinate necessary assessments, develop alternatives, and propose policy changes, as necessary. These activities will be accomplished in concert with comparisons of U.S. and foreign (predominantly Soviet) space programs in two areas: national security and civil/commercial. In order to be most useful, the policy review should be complete in time to be considered in preparation of the President's FY 1989 budget. SIG and IG(Space) activities are tentatively scheduled in the Draft Action Plan at Tab A. IG(Space) members should attend the kickoff meeting scheduled for 1000 on Friday, July 31, 1987, in Room 476 of the Old Executive Office Building, prepared to discuss the Draft Plan and its execution. Please phone access information to Sandy Wiley at 395-7393. (C)

  
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Executive Secretary

Attachment

Tab A Meeting Schedule and Action Plan

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**ACTION PLAN  
FOR  
REVIEWING NATIONAL SPACE POLICY**

- **IG(Space) Organizational Meeting** **31 Jul**
  - Review Terms of Reference
  - Form Working Groups
  - Begin Space Program Comparisons:  
National Security and Civil/Commercial
- **Working Group Meetings** **31 Jul - 2 Sep**
  - Review Current Policy and US Posture
  - Assess Need for Policy Changes
  - Identify Needed Policy Changes
  - Identify Needed Implementation  
Alternatives and Implications
  - Assess Budgetary Options
- **IG(Space) Review of any Needed Policy (As Necessary)  
Changes/Implementation Alternatives**
- **IG(Space) Review of Program Comparisons/  
Interim Findings** **4 Sep**
- **SIG(Space) Review of Program Comparisons/  
Interim Findings** **11 Sep**
- **Working Group Meetings to Accommodate  
SIG(Space) Recommendations and Prepare  
Documentation** **14 Sep - 5 Oct**
- **IG(Space) Review** **6 Oct**
- **SIG(Space) Review** **13 Oct**
- **PRG/KSPG Reviews  
(as appropriate)** **6 - 16 Oct**
- **Presidential Decision (as necessary)** **30 Oct**